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Ex-Car Dealer Faces 20 Felonies In \$122K Scheme

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## ***Anthony McCullough Accused Of Cheating Customers***

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**INDIANAPOLIS --** A former Indianapolis car dealer faces 20 felony charges in connection with a \$122,000 investment fraud scheme.

Anthony McCullough, 48, who once operated car lots under the name Exotic Motorsports at 38th Street and Keystone Avenue and 37th Street and Lafayette Road, faces an array of charges, including theft, forgery and fraud on a financial institution.

His business partner, Anthony Morales, 67, also faces 10 felony charges.

Prosecutors said the men forged documents to get loans for pricey cars and then used that money to buy several less expensive vehicles to flip and make money.

"If any individual lies to a bank to obtain loans and does not file tax returns, we are going to prosecute those cases," said Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry.

Morales received three loans totaling \$122,000 from three financial institutions, including two for the same vehicle, prosecutors said.

McCullough, who RTV6 began investigating in 2011, was the target of complaints dating back to 2004, including failing to give titles to three of his customers.

One customer told prosecutors she paid McCullough more than \$10,000 for a Ford Expedition, but that he never sent her the title, despite repeated requests, so she was unable to transfer it to her name or get plates for the vehicle.

Curry said that there are likely more people who have been have had problems with McCullough.

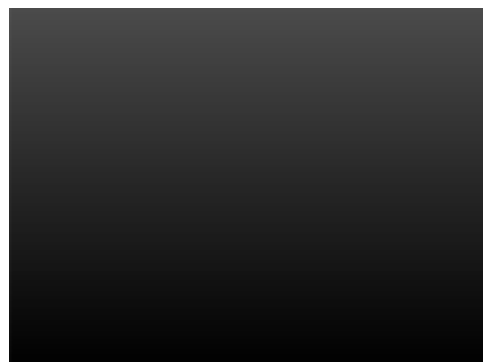
"We certainly anticipate other individuals who had dealings with McCullough," Curry said. "We'd encourage those individuals to contact our office at their first opportunity."

Investigators also found that McCullough had not filed personal taxes in seven years and failed to remit sales tax on the vehicles he sold.

In an interview with RTV6's Tanya Spencer in June 2011, McCullough admitted he made mistakes.

"I admit that I did not run my business all the way that I should because sometimes I was broke, and sometimes I was just having more fun than running my business," he said.

The Secretary of State's Auto Dealer Services Division previously fined McCullough \$20,000 and permanently revoked his license, barring him from all future licensing requests.



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